

# PACFA UPDATE

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## Amending Rules Process Complete

The PACFA staff has been working since October 2009 to amend the Rules and Regulations for rule 12.00 Dog Breeder and rule 18.00 Animal Shelter. The process has included meetings of a Task Force which was made up of licensees from multiple categories, advisory committee members, members of industry representative groups, and the general public. The task force analyzed and evaluated rule 12.00 in an attempt to modify the rule to reflect changes in the industry, to clarify language, and to enhance enforcement of the rule. During the process, rule 18.00 Animal Shelter, was also modified in similar areas and to reflect changes in the operating standards for shelters.



*Champ & all of us wish you  
Happy Holidays!*

Overall the rule reflects the input of many interested parties and licensees as well as staff. There are changes in the rule which may require capital improvements in facilities and the staff would like any license holder with questions about compliance with the new regulation to please first call their inspector. The office can provide copies of the new rules and all license categories it affects will be mailed a hard copy for their reference. Please call with any questions, we are happy to assist. The new rule will be effective as of November 30, 2010.

If you wish to be notified of rule change hearings in the future please check the box on your renewal application.

## Re-Licensing Has A Whole New Look

Renewal time is almost upon us! With database changes come application changes. Please be aware that the applications will look different. Packets will be mailed the last week of January and are due (postmarked) on or before March 1, 2011. Please notify us in writing if your mailing address has changed so that you will receive your renewal packet.

Be sure and read through the instructions with your application packet. Ensure that all information on the application is current. Make any necessary changes. Applications are available for completion on line at our web site, [www.colorado.gov/ag/animals](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/animals) where the fields can be auto filled. If you use the on-line version be sure to include all parts of that packet when you mail your application. Payment by credit card is not yet available, so you will be required to mail your application with a check or money order.

If you have an email address and don't see it listed on the application, please include it as well. We are making an effort to move to electronic communication when possible. Also, please list your county in the appropriate blank on the form.

Pay attention and be sure to complete application entirely. If areas are left blank, it can hold up the issuance of your license. Particularly ensure that you have signed your application and answered the two questions that are on the second page of the application. Your attention to these details is greatly appreciated and helps the re-licensing process run smoothly. Thank you!

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## News Worth Shouting About

### LOOK AT HIM NOW

Look who we came upon in the September issue of *Pet Tales*, a publication put out by Dumb Friends League. Here's the article:

Malachi spent years as a sled dog in a substandard commercial facility near Hartzel, Colo. He and 100 other severely neglected dogs were rescued last December by the Park County sheriff and the State Bureau of Animal Protection.

Malachi, adopted by Paula Conwell of Frisco, Colo., is now a sled dog of a different sort. Pampered and protected, he loves ski joring with his new four-legged family and friends.

Malachi and the other dogs from the rescue effort owe their lives to a certain Colorado animal protection law that allows authorities to seize neglected and abused animals. This important law was threatened during the 2010 session of the state Legislature. A bill that would have created roadblocks for investigating animal care and control agencies was defeated.

In advance of the 2011 session, efforts are underway to strengthen the current law and preserve resources for investigating agencies, so that animals like Malachi can be rescued in the future.

### ONE OF OUR VERY OWN

Wendy Booth is the PACFA Advisory Committee representative for groomers. We received a little note from The National Dog Grooming Association of America regarding her new appointment as well. They said:

Wendy Booth, NCMG of Colorado Springs, Colo. has accepted the position of NDGAA Certification Coordinator. We feel privileged to put Wendy's name to this position.

Her genuine love and concern for the pet grooming industry and especially her fellow groomers make Wendy perfect for this job. As a long time contributor to the task of wanting to see groomers united and educated Wendy states, "As I have found and so believe, National is committed to a better association with a stellar certification program. We are honored to have simply the best Certifiers in our industry to assist those who want to advance their careers and make the Master's journey. We've got to roll up our sleeves and get busy! There are groomers in need, and National has the staff for them. I look forward to being instrumental in this effort."



*I know at last what distinguishes man from animals: financial worries.*

~Romain Roland

## Help to Minimize Your Fees

You can help to limit or minimize fee increases by following these suggestions.

- 1) Be prepared for inspections by reading, understanding and knowing the regulations.
- 2) Minimize re-inspections by meeting the requirements on the first inspection
- 3) Be available during regular business hours for inspection.
- 4) Notify the administrative staff of any changes in facility status. (Closed, category added, etc.)
- 5) Submit complete and accurate applications on time. If not on time, include late fees with your application. An inordinate amount of time is spent collecting late fees and tracking down facilities that do not renew.
- 6) Help level the playing field by notifying the PACFA staff when an unlicensed facility is exceeding thresholds that require a license. (Prospective Licensees) Complete information including a name, address, phone number, and/or license plate number helps our office address these issues more efficiently.



## Show Your Support

On June 9, 2010, Governor Ritter signed into law House Bill 1214. The Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate created by this legislation establishes a new funding source to help Colorado shelters and rescues offset costs for spaying, neutering and medical treatment of animals in their care. The legislation also extends the tax check-off for the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund until 2020.

“This new license plate will raise awareness of the availability of homeless pets and fund the effort to place these pets in loving homes and reduce animal overpopulation.” said Senator Schwartz, one of the sponsors of the bill.



\$30 from the sale of each Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate will provide grants to support Colorado shelters and rescues in primarily underserved areas that may not have access to much needed funding for mandated spay/neuter programs and other medical expenses. It will also help shelters raise awareness about pet adoptions and spay/neuter.

For additional information please call 303-722-6435 or go to [coloradopetfund.org](http://coloradopetfund.org)

## The Benefits of Licensure Really Add Up

Licensees and prospective licensees often ask what are the benefits of having a license with the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act. Notwithstanding the fact that anyone operating a pet animal facility in excess of the thresholds is required by law to hold a license, there are benefits to be licensed as well.

- 1) Consumers find comfort in knowing that an agency is able to assure that facility owners are meeting at least a minimum standard of care and have access to licensed facilities to assure that these standards are maintained.
- 2) Facility owners gain consumer confidence in their products by advertising that they are licensed and inspected for these minimum standards.
- 3) Licensees have internet access to an extensive web site that offers a number of forms that can be downloaded and used to help manage their facilities.
- 4) Licensees benefit from the knowledge of the inspectors with regard to animal care, facility design and product resources.
- 5) The PACFA staff is available upon request for educational presentations to organized groups.
- 6) Through enforcement procedures, PACFA has raised the overall level of animal care in Colorado above that in states that do not have pet care programs.
- 7) Colorado's program is a model program for states across the country and serves to offer reasonable facility standards to protect animal health and welfare.

*Animals are reliable,  
many full of love, true in  
their affections,  
predictable in their  
actions, grateful and  
loyal. Difficult  
standards for people to  
live up to.*

*~Alfred A. Montapert*



## Fun Facts For You

We're not the only ones who love our pets. Even celebrities love their four-legged friends. Here are some of the furry companions of the famous.

### Dogs:

Mariah Carey has a Jack Russell Terrier named Jackson P. Mutley

Beyonce has a Shih Tzu named Munchie

Adam Sandler has an English Bulldog he named Matzoball.

### Cats:

Cameron Diaz has Little Man.

Snoop Dogg has two Siamese name Miles Davis and Frank Sinatra.

Jay Leno's cat is named Cheeseler. I'm not sure if it is the same cat in the Cop 'N Kitty skits, but he's definitely a cat lover.



## Shelter/Rescue Deposit

NOTE: For those shelters and rescues collecting deposits for spay/neuters, the deposit amount is \$50.00.

## Rule of the Month

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

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Equipment such as brushes, combs and clipper blades shall be sanitized between uses on different animals.

The PACFA inspectors accept any type of EPA registered disinfectant or sanitizer for use to sanitize combs and brushes. Barbicide solution must be replaced every 24 hours according to the label directions. The clipper manufacturers also provide spray disinfectants for use on clipper blades between uses on different dogs. We suggest that you contact the manufacturer for information on the best sanitizing products to use on blades, brushes and combs. Use all sanitizers according to label directions.



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